

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A printing apparatus comprising:
a scanner unit for reading an original image in an original;
an instruction unit for receiving an instruction from a user,
wherein a single instruction input through said instruction unit is for instructing said
scanner unit to perform a reading operation of a single piece of said image; and -and instructing
operation of reading said image with said scanner unit; and
a printer unit for printing said image that has been read on a medium,
wherein, when the reading operations are to be performed N times based on the
instructions and N pieces of the images that have been read are to be printed on a single piece of
said medium in respective predetermined positions, said printer unit starts printing, on said
medium, the image that has been read before said scanner unit finishes the N times of the reading
operations each reading operation with said scanner unit is started by receiving an instruction
from the user with said instruction unit when the reading operation is to be performed with said
scanner unit for a plurality of number of times and a plurality of the images that have been read
are to be printed in their respective predetermined positions on said medium.

2 - 3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended): A printing apparatus according to claim 3₁, wherein: said printer unit performs printing by repeating scan movement of a head with respect to said medium and carrying of said medium in a direction orthogonal to a direction of said scan movement; and if printing has started before the N times of the reading operations have finished and a print region, on said medium, in a first said image that has been read and a print region, on said medium, in a second said image that has not yet been read are both within a print region corresponding to a single said scan movement, then said single scan movement is put on hold;
~~carries said medium intermittently and performs printing on said medium between the intermittent carries;~~
~~brings the intermittent carrying into a standby state before printing of said image that has already been read is finished;~~
~~restarts said intermittent carrying after the next reading operation is started; and~~
~~carries said medium maintaining a carry amount of said medium constant before and after said standby state.~~

5. (currently amended): A printing apparatus according to claim 4₁ wherein:
when said second image is read while said single scan movement is being put on hold,
said single scan movement put on hold is executed for printing said first image and said second image,
~~said printer unit has a plurality of nozzles that move; and~~
~~when said plurality of nozzles move after said next reading operation is started,~~

~~a portion of said image that has been read before said standby state and a portion of said image that has been read after said standby state are printed on said medium by said plurality of nozzles.~~

6. (currently amended): A printing apparatus according to claim 4₁ wherein:

if the printing apparatus receives an instruction to cancel the reading operation of said second image while said single scan movement is being put on hold, then said single scan movement put on hold is executed for printing said first image, when there is an instruction to stop printing during said standby state, said printer unit:

~~finishes printing said image that has already been read; and
discharges said medium.~~

7. (canceled).

8. (currently amended): A printing apparatus according to claim 3₁ wherein:

said printing apparatus allows the number of said images that are to be printed on a single piece of said medium to be changed; and

printing is started after a predetermined number of times of said reading operations have been executed, said predetermined number of times being set according to the number of images to be printed on said single piece of medium, a number of said images that are read before printing is started differs according to said number of said images that are to be printed on said medium.

9. (currently amended): A printing apparatus according to claim 3~~1~~, wherein:

said printer unit performs printing by repeating scan movement of a head with respect to said medium and carrying of said medium in a direction orthogonal to a direction of said scan movement; and

if a print region, on said medium, in a first said image that is read in a first time among said N times and a print region, on said medium, in a second said image that is to be read in a second or subsequent time, are both within a print region corresponding to at least a first said scan movement, then printing is started after said reading operation of said second image has nozzles that move in a moving direction; and

if a plurality of said images are to be positioned in said medium along said moving direction, said printer unit starts printing after said scanner unit performs said reading operation for all of said images that are arranged along said moving direction.

10. (original): A printing apparatus according to claim 3 wherein:

while said scanner unit is performing said reading operation, said printer unit starts printing the image in the original that is being read by that reading operation.

11. (currently amended): A printing apparatus comprising:

a scanner unit for reading an original image;

an instruction unit for receiving an instruction from a user, wherein a single instruction input through said instruction unit is for instructing said scanner unit to perform a reading operation of a single piece of said image, and wherein each said instruction corresponds to one of a plurality of print modes; and

a printer unit for printing said image that has been read on a medium,
wherein, when the reading operations are to be performed N times based on the
instructions and N pieces of the images that have been read are to be printed on a single piece of
said medium in respective predetermined positions, said printer unit prints, on said single piece
of medium, N pieces of the images according to respective corresponding said print
modes, according to claim 1 wherein:

said printer unit is capable of printing, on said medium, said images according to
different print modes; and

-when said plurality of images that have been read are to be printed in their respective
predetermined positions on said medium, said printer unit is capable of printing, on said medium,
each of said images according to a different print mode.

12. (currently amended): A printing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein:
said plurality of print modes include said printer unit is capable of printing, on said
medium, said images according to a monochrome print mode and a color print mode.

13. (currently amended): A printing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein:
said plurality of print modes include a low-resolution print mode and a high-resolution
print mode,

said different print modes are quality modes that differ in print resolution.

14. (currently amended): A printing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein:

said instruction unit has instruction buttons corresponding respectively to said plurality of print modes, ~~members for selecting the print modes~~, each said member being provided for each said print mode; and

~~said instruction unit receives said instruction from the user through said members.~~

15. (currently amended): A printing apparatus comprising:

a scanner unit for reading an original image;

an instruction unit for receiving an instruction from a user, wherein a single instruction input through said instruction unit is for instructing said scanner unit to perform a reading operation of a single piece of said image, and wherein each said instruction corresponds to one of a plurality of print modes; and

a printer unit for printing said image that has been read on a medium,

wherein, when the reading operations are to be performed N times based on the instructions and N pieces of the images that have been read are to be printed on a single piece of said medium in their respective predetermined positions, a first print mode, among said print modes, corresponding to a first said instruction received for a first time among N times of said instructions is stored, and said N pieces of the images are printed according to said first print mode regardless of the print mode corresponding to a second said instruction received for a second time and thereafter. A printing apparatus according to claim 1 wherein:

~~said printer unit is capable of printing, on said medium, said images according to different print modes; and~~

~~when said plurality of images that have been read are to be printed in their respective predetermined positions on said medium, said printer unit prints, on said medium, each of said images according to the same print mode.~~

16 - 23. (canceled).

24. (new): A printing apparatus comprising:

a scanner unit for reading an original image;

an instruction unit for receiving an instruction from a user, wherein a single instruction input through said instruction unit is for instructing said scanner unit to perform a reading operation of a single piece of said image, and wherein each said instruction corresponds to one of a plurality of print modes; and

a printer unit for printing said image that has been read on a medium,

wherein, when the reading operations are to be performed N times based on the instructions and N pieces of the images that have been read are to be printed on a single- piece of said medium in respective predetermined positions, a first print mode, among said print modes, corresponding to a first said instruction received for a first time among N times of said instructions is stored, and if the print mode corresponding to a second said instruction received for a second time and thereafter is different from said first print mode, then said second instruction is nullified.

25. (new): A printing apparatus according to claim 24, further comprising a notifying unit for notifying an error indicating that said second instruction is null.